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Kaisersteinbruch

1. On 23 November 1954, 16 trucks towing 16 x 37-mm AA guns, 22 other trucks, 4 weapon carriers and 2 jeeps were observed at cantonment ~~east (No 1)~~ of Kaisersteinbruch which was guarded by a sentry with black-bordered red epaulets. The cantonment was apparently heavily occupied. Vehicular traffic included trucks [redacted] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, truck [redacted] driven by a soldier with black-bordered black epaulets, and truck [redacted] driven by a soldier with black-bordered red epaulets. Eight 122-mm field howitzers, some canvas-covered, and 27 trucks stood on the hill east of the cantonment. Only a few soldiers with black-bordered red and red-bordered black epaulets were seen at the cantonment west (No 2) of Kaisersteinbruch. The installation which was guarded by a sentry with black-bordered red epaulets apparently was nearly vacant as was observed prior to September. Two jeeps, [redacted] driven by a soldier with black-bordered red epaulets, were parked at the entrance gate.

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Goetzendorf

2. On 24 November, two lieutenant colonels and five majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tankior artillery insignia came from the officers' quarters at the southern perimeter of Goetzendorf and entered the barracks installation southeast of the town. The same number of 12 x 122-mm field howitzers and 4 x 76-mm field guns as observed during the return of the troops on 21 October stood in a section of the installation where 76 trucks were also seen in jackets. An additional 11 trucks were seen near the driver school. Eleven soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets and 16 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets practiced driving in driver school trucks [redacted]. Vehicular traffic at the kaserne southeast of Goetzendorf included jeep [redacted] ambulance [redacted] and trucks [redacted]. All vehicles were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets.

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[redacted] Comment. The 2500th AAA Regt and 32d Gds How Arty Regt of the 13th Gds Mech Div are stationed at cantonment east (No 1) of Kaisersteinbruch. Cantonment west (No 2) of Kaisersteinbruch is used as replacements distributing point and processing center of the Central Group of Forces in Austria. The installation is fully occupied only during the personnel exchange movement.

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[redacted] Comment. The 12 x 122-mm field howitzers and 4 x 76-mm field guns were observed in October 1954. [redacted] It cannot be determined whether the occupation of the kaserne changed or the mortar regiment of the 13th Gds Mech Div was reequipped.

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